

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-140 and 168-253 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 255-260 have been added. Claims 141-167 and 254-260 are pending.

Claims 141-167 are stated to be allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment presents no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested.

**I. The Rejection of Claims 254, 180 and 181 under 35 U.S.C. 102**

Claims 254, 180 and 181 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102.

In order to expedite prosecution, the claims are amended in accord with the indication of allowable subject matter on page 5 of the Office Action.


For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims overcome this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

**II. Conclusion**

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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